

Mori Atas language

Mori Atas, also known as **Upper Mori** or **West Mori**, is an Austronesian language of the Celebic branch. The traditional Mori Atas homeland is the upper course of the Laa River in Central Sulawesi.

Classification

Mori Atas is classified as a member of the Bungku-Tolaki group of languages, and shares its closest affinities with the Padoe language.^[3] Together, Mori Atas and Mori Bawah are sometimes referred to collectively by the cover term ‘Mori’.

Dialects

Mori Atas presents a complicated dialect situation. Following Esser, five dialects can be regarded as principal.^[4]

- Molio’a
- Ulu’uwoi
- Tambee
- Molongkuni
- Impo

Notes

1. Mori Atas (<https://www.ethnologue.com/18/language/mzq/>) at *Ethnologue* (18th ed., 2015)
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Mori Atas" (<http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mori1269>). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.
3. Mead, David. Proto-Bungku-Tolaki: Reconstruction of its phonology and aspects of its morphosyntax. (PhD dissertation, Rice University, 1998), p. 117.
4. Esser, S. J. *Phonology and Morphology of Mori* (<http://www.sil.org/silepubs/abstract.asp?id=928474543176>), translated from the Dutch version of 1927-1933 (Dallas: SIL, 2011), pp. 2 ff.

Mori Atas	
Native to	Indonesia
Region	Sulawesi
Native speakers	(28,000 with Mori Bawah cited 1988) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Austronesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Malayo-Polynesian<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Celebic<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bungku–Tolaki<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Western<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Interior<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Mori Atas</div>
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	mzq
Glottolog	mori1269 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/mori1269) ^[2]

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